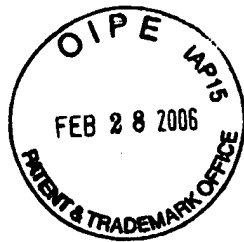


32692

Customer Number



GP 3763 / gfw
Patent
Case No.: 48317US026

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Inventor: JAPUNTICH, DANIEL A.

Application No.: 09/677637

Group Art Unit: 3743

Filed: October 3, 2000

Examiner: Aaron J. Lewis

Title: FIBROUS FILTRATION FACE MASK HAVING A NEW
UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUID VALVE

COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION [37 CFR § 1.8(a)]

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being:

- ☒ deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.
- ☐ transmitted by facsimile on the date shown below to the United States Patent and Trademark Office at 571-273-8300.

February 22, 2006

Date


Signed by: Susan M. Dacko

Dear Sir:

Applicants enclose a copy of Moldex's Prior Art Statement (that was filed in Civil Action No. 03-5292 MJD/AGB) and a sample of a Moldex 2300 mask. These two items of information were cited on form PTO-1449 in applicant's Information Disclosure Statement filed February 21, 2006. In view of the size of the prior art statement, and because the 2300 mask is not a document, these two items were not submitted with the faxed IDS. Accordingly, they are enclosed with this communication. Please consider these items in conjunction with the information cited in the IDS and note the consideration of each document on form PTO-1449.

Respectfully submitted,

February 22, 2006

Date

By: 

Karl G. Hanson, Reg. No.: 32,900

Telephone No.: 651-736-7776

Office of Intellectual Property Counsel
3M Innovative Properties Company
Facsimile No.: 651-736-3833